

Redevelopment Commission hears 2026 TIF spending plan

BY BOB DEMAREE

A Tax Increment Financing (TIF) spending plan and a TIF impact presentation highlighted Wednesday’s meeting of Madison’s Redevelopment Commission with Mayor Bob Courtney stating that housing is the city’s most critical need.

“The three things we’re really focused on are housing, infrastructure and quality of life projects,” said Courtney, citing the value of TIF in helping to provide the funding necessary for the city to finance those projects.

Cole Fosbrink of Reedy Financial provided an update on the impact of TIF to the Redevelopment Commission, noting that the city’s total additional TIF revenue collections in 2025 are \$2,573,573, providing total additional revenue of \$1,765,202 due to the utilization of TIF. Had TIF areas not existed, total revenues would have been \$808,371, an amount Redevelopment Commission member Joe Craig said “really doesn’t go very far” especially with the city budget being limited by the state.

“It really shows the importance of TIF in being able to capture a lot more additional revenue,” Fosbrink said.

For the city in 2025, it was 69 cents more for every dollar. TIF is able to collect the additional revenues because TIF is not constrained by the state’s allowable annual property tax levy growth percentage in which overlapping units are constrained.

“The creation of the TIF is creating a lot of value, particularly from an economic development perspective,” said Courtney.

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Bob Demaree

The first graduating class of the Jefferson County Jail Chemical Addiction Program (JCAP) was recognized Wednesday. Pictured (from left) are Madison Mayor Bob Courtney, graduates Todd Black, Daniel Cyrus and Curtis Wells, Brandi and Micah Adkins of God’s Not Done Ministries, and Jessica McCollum, Jefferson County JCAP director. In back are County Sheriff Ben Flint and County Council member Pam Crozier, who also facilitated a financial wellness program for the graduates.

First 3 graduate from JCAP at Jefferson County Jail

BY BOB DEMAREE

The first three graduates of the Jefferson County Jail Chemical Addiction Program (JCAP) were honored Wednesday morning in Jefferson County Superior Court.

The three men — Todd Black, Daniel Cyrus and Curtis Wells — successfully graduated from the program, and all were placed on probation by Superior Court Judge Blaine Goode.

“You three were chosen because the Prosecutor’s office and program leaders had confidence in you,” said Goode. “I want you to have confidence in yourself going forward. It’s not going to be easy. You are going to show your strength each and every day that you say no to substance abuse.”

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney said, “We want everyone in our community

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Mayor wants plan to rehab Brown Gym by year's end

BY BOB DEMAREE

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney was at Wednesday’s Madison Parks Board meeting to talk about investing in park infrastructure while expanding programming that included an announcement he wants to finalize a plan for rehabilitating Brown Memorial Gymnasium by the end of this year.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the Brown Gym and the 75th anniversary of the Madison Cubs basketball team that won a state championship.

“My challenge is for everybody in this room is that by the end of this year we’ve got to have a solid rehabilitation plan to announce for the Brown Gym. It’s got to happen,” Courtney said. “I’m not saying we have to have the money in the bank. We have to have a plan. It all starts with a good plan. By the end of this year, we want have a plan of what you want to do with Brown Gym. It’s all possible.”

Courtney said Madison parks have “come a long way in the last few years, and I don’t want us to lose sight of that,” citing the condition of the city’s park system as recent as four or five years ago. “We’ve had to invest in programming at the same time we’ve had to create capital plans. In the last three years we’ve made \$15 million in park improvements” that have included Crystal Beach Aquatic Park, Gaines Park, Oak Hill Park and more.

He expects bids to go out in December for Damon Welch Park, located at the former Jaycee Park, along Vaughn Drive in the area below the Milton-Madison Bridge. Also, work is underway to extend the Heritage Trail to the entrance of Clifty Falls State Park with plans to then build a connector trail to Hanover.

Courtney expects \$25 million more in park investments are needed. “There are life cycle costs with all these major park investments; all these big major park investments that we have to budget for, and ask our community to support along the way, and then we have to be willing to make these other capital investments when the useful life of some of these facilities end, and we’re there with

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Boyd brings her Joie de Vivre to Madison

Writing these weekly columns is really a three-step process. Step 1: Identify a subject individual who contributes to the creative fabric of our town, musically, artistically, or just intrinsically. Step 2: Interview the person, preferably in person but over the phone in a pinch. Step 3: Write the column and submit it to my editor at the Courier.

Believe it or not, Step 1 is by far the most difficult part of the process. This week’s column marks Number 358, so finding someone new and interesting is


CHARLIE ROHLFING
Charlie’s Beat

sometimes a challenge. Don’t get me wrong, we have probably several thousand cool folks who would merit a good story. It’s just not always easy to find them. (If you have a cool idea for a column, hit me up at Slash5swb@gmail.com.)

So a couple weeks ago, I’m sitting at Analog Coffee getting ready for an interview subject to show up for a chat. I’m having a nice coffee and talking to the barista as I wait. And then I get a text from my subject that they have car trouble and can’t make it. I’m lamenting out loud, disappointed about the lost story ... when I hear a voice from a neighboring table.

“You know, I used to be in the music promotion business, I did it for many years up in Carrollton.” I look up to see a nice older woman, somewhat familiar, sitting at the window seat with her little dog at her feet. I said, We’ve met before, right? She said, “Yes, I’m Jarrett Boyd, I live on Third Street right behind Red Bicycle Hall.”

Yes of course, she and I have talked several times about her participation in Music on the Porch Day and other things.

Come on over and join me at my table! I exclaimed, delighted to have a possible column subject drop right into my lap. So over she came, and she laid out a most delightful and interesting life story for you, dear readers, to enjoy

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth Lee 'Kenny' Pineda

Kenneth Lee “Kenny” Pineda, age 64, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Sept. 10, 1961, in Chicago, IL. He was the son of the late Lorenzo and Erika Richter Pineda.

As a military child, Kenny lived all across the United States. He proudly served his country, first enlisting in the United States Army as a Cannon Crewman, where he rose to the rank of Specialist Fourth Class, and served honorably for three years. He then joined the United States Marine Corps as a Field Artillery Cannoneer, and Aircraft Maintenance Administrative Clerk, achieving the rank of Sergeant, and serving for 10 years.

Following his military career, Kenny continued his life of service as a Postmaster with the United States Postal Service, retiring after 25 years of dedicated service. He deeply valued his postal family and took great pride in serving his community.

Throughout his life, Kenny was fortunate to travel this beautiful country, living in several states including California, and Colorado, before making



his final home in Madison, IN, nine years ago. He loved spending time with his loving wife, Vickie, and going on adventures with his beloved dog, Jaxon, who was always by his side.

Kenny passed away on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, at his home in Madison, IN.

He will be deeply missed by his loving daughter, son-in-law, and three granddaughters; his brothers and sisters; and several nieces, nephews, and extended relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lorenzo and Erika Pineda, and by his beloved wife, Vickie Lynn Flanagan Pineda-his best friend and soulmate-who passed away on March 13, 2024. Though his family is heart-

broken by his passing, they find comfort in knowing that Kenny and Vickie are together again.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Chaplain Mike Bath at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit, Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

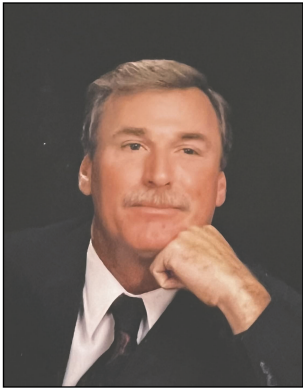
A final Salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion and the United States Marine Corps Ceremonial Unit.

Memorial contributions may be made to your local food pantry or animal rescue. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Rickey 'Rick' Lee Seal

Rickey "Rick" Lee Seal, age 71, of Madison, IN, entered this life on April 19, 1954, in Cincinnati, OH. He was the loving son of Edward James and Theda Lavora Potter Seal. He attended Aurora High School and after he reached the age of 18, he enlisted into the United States Army where he received his GED in 1974. He was honorably discharged three years later on April 23, 1978. After serving in the Army, he came back and began working as a plant manager for Ewell RMC for the next 20 years. After his time as a plant manager, he drove freight for Tandy Trucking Company for five years. Rick enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, and bowling. He was of the Christian faith and fought a courageous battle with cancer. Rick died on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, at 5:24 a.m., at the Robley Rex Veterans Medical Center in Louisville, KY.

Rick will be missed by



his daughters, Catherine Stewart (Eric) of Florence, IN, Ricki Jones (Wayne) of Florence, IN, Jennifer Venezia of Plant City, FL; several grandchildren; his brothers, Randy Seal and his wife, Debbie of Vevay, IN, Todd Seal of Charleston, IN, Jerry Seal and his wife, Lynn of Vevay, IN; his half brother, Eddie Seal and his wife, Judy of Cleves, OH; his sister, Debbie White and her husband, Joe of Moores Hill, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father,

Edward James Seal, his mother, Theda Lavora Potter Seal, his brothers, James Dean Seal, and Timmy Seal and his half brother, Robert Russell Seal.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Harry Lusby at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, IN.

Friends could call Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Donors Charity of Choice. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Mary Ruth Wheeler Griffin

Mary Ruth Wheeler Griffin, age 92, of Madison, Maine, formerly of Hanover, IN, entered this life on Sept. 16, 1933, in Warsaw, MO. She was the loving daughter of the late Lloyd and Lucille Zumalt Wheeler. Mary died on Monday, Nov. 10, 2025, at 4 p.m., at the Cedar Ridge Center in Skowhegan, ME.

Mary will be missed by her loving sons, William H. "Junior" Griffin, Jr. of Round Lake, IL, Lloyd Griffin of Kingsport, TN, Ernie Griffin and his wife Michelle of Niceville, FL; her loving daughters, Candace Blankenship and her husband Rick of Crossett, AR, Heidi Henderson and her husband Darren of

Madison, ME; her grandchildren, Elijah, Seth, Ian, Zachary, Will, Joshua, Matthew, Jacob, Railene, Rebecca, Hannah, Annika, Katiyanna; her great grandchildren, Elijah, Jr., Jeremiah, Mary, Camden, Daisy, and Scarlett; her sister, Barbara Watson; her niece, Monica Watson. She was preceded in death by her father, Lloyd Wheeler, her mother, Lucille Zumalt Wheeler, and her husband of 61 years, William H. "Griff" Griffin, who died Aug. 26, 2014.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025, at 11 a.m., by Pastor J.D. Traylor at the Morgan & Nay

Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025, from 10 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Theodore Roosevelt Association Teddy Bears for Kids Fund. Cards are available at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Mag, bullets confiscated from Trimble student

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

According to a Wednesday afternoon post by Trimble County Superintendent Todd Neace, law enforcement confiscated an ammunition magazine and several bullets from a student earlier on Wednesday.

No weapon was found but law enforcement was immediately contacted, and the student voluntarily turned over the contraband to authorities.

The incident was apparently reported to school staff by fellow students, who saw or had knowledge of the contraband.

“We are deeply grateful for the students who chose to see something and say something,” Neace said in his release. “Their responsible actions help keep our schools safe and reinforce the strong partnership we share as a community committed to the well-being of every child.”

Neace said Trimble County Schools takes “all safety concerns and tips very seriously. Our school administration and School Resource Officer responded swiftly and appropriately to contain the situation and ensure the safety of all students and staff.”

In accordance with the

Trimble County Schools Student Handbook and state laws, the district will “follow all required disciplinary and legal procedures related to this incident,” said Neace.

“These policies are in place to protect our students and staff while ensuring that each situation is handled with fairness, consistency, and respect for due process,” he said. “As always, the safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority. We will continue to work closely with law enforcement and follow all appropriate procedures to maintain a secure learning environment for everyone.”

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER Lodgings Nov. 10, 2025

Stephen Michael McManus, 34, Madison, on a parole warrant. No bond.

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Ryan Jacob Berkley, 26, Hammond, Indiana, on a Jefferson County bench warrant (nonsupport of a dependent child). Bond \$10,000 cash.

Jonathan Eugene Lane, 40, North Vernon, Indiana, for Obstruction of Justice, a Level 6 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

Isabella Kristine McCool, 22, Madison Correctional Facility, to serve 29 days jail on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

Billy Jo Parks, 42, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant (neglect of a dependent, theft, criminal trespass). Bond \$10,000 cash.

Sahil Bhaveshkumar Parmar, 25, Madison, for Residential Entry, a Level 6 felony, No bond.

Christopher Robert Shaw, 44, Fishers, Indiana, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant (possession of methamphetamine and driving while suspended). Bond \$5,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT Sentencings Nov. 10, 2025

Keely May Lueders, 19, Austin, Indiana, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, with credit for 2 days served and 178 days suspended to supervised probation with driver's license suspended for 90 days with supervised driving privileges and \$489.50 in fees and court costs.

Logan Michael Wright, 28, Madison, for Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$289.50 in fees and court costs with probation to terminate upon defendant obtaining a valid driver's license.

Iran P. Rogers, 50, Madison, for Driving While Suspended, a Class A misde-

meanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$289.50 in fees and court costs with defendant to obtain a valid driver's license as a condition of probation. If defendant obtains license and has no violations for 6 months defendant may request conversion to unsupervised probation.

Dylan Joseph Turner, 21, Vevay, Indiana, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$689 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS Jefferson County Nov. 10, 2025

Paul D. Backe and Revocable Trust Agreement of Paul D. Backe to Zachry Birkner and Mary Kathryn Birkner, 8827 North Middleford Road, Dupont.

Paul D. Backe to Therese St. Francis and Gregory A. Backe (transferees death), 78 South Country Manor Boulevard, Madison.

Christy Brogan to Heather Huff Jefferson County Auditor, 1333 Wells Drive, Madison.

Beau Gray to Heather Huff Jefferson County Auditor, 3000+ East Legion Road, Madison.

Beau Gray to Heather Huff Jefferson County Auditor, 1202 Wells Drive, Madison.

Joseph A. Kent to Joseph A. Kent and Joyce A. Kent, 7569 West New Bethel Road, Lexington.

Joseph A. Kent to Joseph A. Kent and Joyce A. Kent, 6320 South State Road 62, Lexington.

Geneva Hendricks to Anthony Manion Rebera and Cierra Paige Rebrea, 316 Crestwood, Madison.

Accelerate Investment LLC to Bobby Cook, 727 and 733 West Third Street, Madison.

John Randall Lockridge to Clara L. Lockridge, 218 Hendricks Circle, Madison.

John Randall Lockridge to Clara L. Lockridge, 2020 Fairway Drive, Madison.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madison-courier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 16

Marilyn Allen

Nancy Barker

Nov. 17

David Carlow

Debbie Perry

Nov. 19

Marc Meierle

Nov. 20

Marc Rucker

Nov. 21

David Taylor

Nov. 23

Suzanna Wheeler

Stephens

Elliot Tompkin

ANNIVERSARIES

None

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:22 a.m.

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Precipitation since last published: .01

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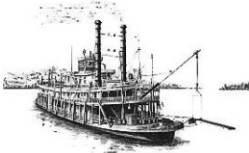
Precipitation, 2025: 51.15

Barometer 30.10, Rising

River Level at Clifty Creek: 422.05 feet, Falling

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DEATH NOTICES

Janet Lee Allen, 79, of Madison, IN, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2025, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel in Madison, with interment to follow in the cemetery there. Arrangements by Morgan and Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Donald E. "Donnie" Covington, 89, of near East Enterprise, IN, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2025, at Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay, IN. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, with interment and full military rites be conducted by the Honor Guard of the Vevay American Legion Post 185 and the Vevay VFW Post 5396 in the Vevay Cemetery, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Steven Frisque, 67, of Madison, IN, died Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, at Norton Women's and Childrens-Suburban Hospital in Louisville. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Lonnie J. Goldrainer, 78, of Vevay, IN, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025 at his residence. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19 at Markland Funeral Home in Risign Sun, IN. www.marklandfuneralhome.com.

Greg Schneider, 68, of Bedford, KY, died Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, at Hospice of Warren County in Middletown, OH. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, with interment to follow in Bedford Cemetery there, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Mayor thanks veterans for service and community contributions

BY BOB DEMAREE

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney praised the service and contributions of veterans Tuesday at a special Veterans Day event at the city's Frank Baldwin Hunter Hall.

"It is truly an honor to be here tonight as a proud American to thank you the men and women who have served our country. Veterans Day gives us a chance to pause and reflect, and say something that can never be said enough, and that is thank you," Courtney told the veterans at the event presented by the Jefferson County Veterans Council, Veteran Service Office and the city of Madison.

"Each of you have a story of service, sacrifice and courage. You've worn our nation's uniform. You've stood watch over freedom, and carried out a duty that most can only imagine," he said. "Whether you served in combat or in support roles, or right here at home, you made a commitment to something greater than yourself, and when that service ended, you didn't stop giving. You came home, you raised your families here, you started businesses, volunteered, coached, mentored and kept leading, and often quietly, but always with purpose. Our city is better because of you.

"Madison's values, community, hard work, integrity, loyalty — they are all reflected because of your example. As Mayor I see your influence in so many ways from veterans serving in city departments, on our city council to those



Bob Demaree

Attendees at Tuesday's Veterans Day program stand with hands on hearts during the Pledge of Allegiance that was led by Leon Perry.



Bob Demaree

Speaking at Tuesday's Veterans Day program, Dave Adams said he wears his Army hat "because I'm always looking for veterans trying to see what we can do to help each other."

leading local organizations to the quiet acts of service that you do everyday that don't make the headlines, but you do make a real difference. That sense of duty and community is part of what makes this city so special," he added. "Tonight is about gratitude, about taking a moment to say thank you for your courage, for your service, for your example that you continue

to set. Your service reminds us that freedom has a cost and that our responsibility is to live in a way that honors those who have paid it. On behalf of the city of Madison, thank you for your sacrifice and your ongoing contributions to the community. We're proud to call you our neighbors and friends. We are grateful for the example you have set for all of us.

We're honored to celebrate you tonight."

Jefferson County Service Officer Faith Weir said, "I am so humbled and blessed to do this job. I have so much respect and gratitude for the job that I do, and your service to the country. Thank you all for serving your country and the sacrifices you have made."

Teresa Stewart, who is coordinating the county's Wreath Across America event, talked about plans for that event which provides holiday wreaths for approximately 3,000 stones/markers at three sites in Jefferson County. This year's event will be Saturday, Dec. 13, starting at Springdale Cemetery at 9:30 a.m., then to Grandview Cemetery at 10:30 a.m., and culminating with a ceremony at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery at noon. "Today we celebrate veterans. Remember why we do this. Remember who has fallen. Remember who has served. Remember to teach the true meaning of sacrifice and freedom," she said.

Charlee & Cam provided music. Food for event was jointly provided by the Democrat Party of Jefferson County, Jefferson County Republican Women, Heath Farm, Scarlett Begonia and Madison Tri Kappa Sorority Beta Omega Chapter.

There were several other activities in Jefferson County on Tuesday including Veterans Day programs in the morning at Madison Consolidated High School, Shawe Memorial High School and Southwestern Elementary School.

Trump signs funding bill, ending shutdown after record 43 days

BY KEVIN FREKING, JOEY CAPPELLETTI AND MATT BROWN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signed a government funding bill Wednesday night, ending a record 43-day shutdown that caused financial stress for federal workers who went without paychecks, stranded scores of travelers at airports and generated long lines at some food banks.

The shutdown magnified partisan divisions in Washington as Trump took unprecedented unilateral actions — including canceling projects and trying to fire federal workers — to pressure Democrats into relenting on their demands.

The Republican president blamed the situation on Democrats and suggested voters shouldn't reward the party during next year's midterm elections.

"So I just want to tell the American people, you should not forget this," Trump said. "When we come up to midterms and other things, don't forget what they've done to our country."

The signing ceremony came just hours after the House

passed the measure on a mostly party-line vote of 222-209. The Senate had already passed the measure Monday.

Democrats wanted to extend an enhanced tax credit expiring at the end of the year that lowers the cost of health coverage obtained through Affordable Care Act marketplaces. They refused to go along with a short-term spending bill that did not include that priority. But Republicans said that was a separate policy fight to be held at another time.

"We told you 43 days ago from bitter experience that government shutdowns don't work," said Rep. Tom Cole, the Republican chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. "They never achieve the objective that you announce. And guess what? You haven't achieved that objective yet, and you're not going to."

A BITTER END AFTER A LONG STALEMATE

The frustration and pressures generated by the shutdown was reflected when lawmakers debated the spending measure on the House floor.

Republicans said Democrats sought to use the pain generated by the shutdown to prevail in a policy dispute.

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right now.

"My husband and I were both living in the Baltimore area many years ago," Jarrett explains. "I was teaching school and he was a restoration carpenter. He was actually a bit of a hippie to be honest, into unconventional lifestyles and living off the land. We made a trip to Kentucky one time to visit Wendell Berry, the environmental activist and poet-novelist, who lives upriver from Carrollton on the Kentucky River.

"We were admiring Wendell's country lifestyle, and he says, You know, there's some property for sale right now just about a mile up the road. We bought the land, and that's how we came to live in Henry County, not too far from Carrollton.

"We built a place to live in, and things were pretty idyllic. But my hippie husband wasn't really big on regular employment or steady paychecks. So I went to Carrollton and got a job as the librarian there to pay the bills. That's how I came to be involved in staging the very first festival at Point Park, where the Kentucky River meets the Ohio. It was called the Point in Time Fest originally, and it was focused on history in those early days. But that experience started putting me in touch with various musicians.

"In that same time frame we were coming over to Madison quite often to hang out at Lacey's Bar, which is now the Taproom. Lacey's was hosting a lot of blues music back then, and I was getting to know all those musicians. That's how the Point festival evolved into Blues at the Point, which I started about 2001. We had so many great players ... Coco Taylor, Kenny Neal, the Hair Farmers, Lonnie Mack, Dumphy Rice, and of course, Jordan Wilson got his start there. The festival is still going I think, but it's called something different now.

"I got divorced and moved to Madison after I retired from the library, and I have to say it's one of those 'right thing at the right time' situations. Madison has been the perfect place for me, living downtown with all the energy. I can walk to the Red Bike for shows, which I often do. I got to know Jane Vanderheide ... in fact, I think I might be the one who bugged her to get the whole Music on the Porch thing started.

"I sponsor music on my porch every year, and I think the Porch Music event pretty much encapsulates what's special about living downtown. It's so community focused and fun and joyful. Life is pretty darn good here, with my dog and my friends and the neighborhood coffee shop. I feel blessed to be playing a small part in this amazing town."

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

My first tip is not music related. Get your hands on local author Robyn Ryle's new book "Sex of the Midwest" and read it! (It's not about sex at all, if that matters to you.) It's about the joys and sorrows of life in a small Indiana river town, not at all unlike our dear Madison. The book is deeply affecting and thought provoking. Get it, read it, report back to me what you think! As for music, this week looks pretty typical for Indiana's Music City. Which is to say, there's plenty going on and some of it looks to be pretty special. The Doctor's Band tribute show at Mad Paddle Friday might be a good one, with plenty of nostalgia and great music. And there's something going on at Central on Saturday, although I'm not entirely sure what. Bleeding Kansas? It's worth popping in there just to see what that's all about. Oh, and Radioface at Timeless LIVE is a Madison All-Star experience, with some of our best players on the stage together. The weather will be warm again, so get out there!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd anywhere local live music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE Friday, Nov. 14

- Riverboat Inn – Jordan Wilson
- Vintages Lanes – Live Jazz Music (7-9 p.m.)
- Mad Paddle Brewstillery – Doctors Band Tribute
- Rivertown Grill – River Valley Sons (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
- TailGators – Rockin Cowboys (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
- Tiki LIVE! – L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.)
- The Central – Zach Hackney
- Saturday, Nov. 15**
- Mad Paddle Brewstillery – Jimmy Davis Band (8 p.m.)
- Rivertown Grill – Vaguely Familiar (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
- Timeless LIVE! – Radioface (9 p.m.)
- TailGators– Ba Blues
- The Central – Bleeding Kansas (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
- Sunday, Nov. 16**
- Rivertown Grill – Joe & Deano (7-10 p.m.)

BZA ponders age limits while approving short-term rental for new owner

BY BOB DEMAREE

The question on whether age restrictions can be imposed on short-term rental properties in Madison was introduced at Monday's meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The issue was raised by board member Rick Farris due to concerns about potential teenage parties at local Airbnbs and other short-term rentals.

"Do we have the ability to put an age requirement in the house rules?" Farris asked. "The reason I ask is because you're hearing more and more of these Airbnbs being rented by teenagers and having parties at them, and I am just wondering if that's a way we could curb that."

City Attorney Joe Jenner said theoretically the BZA could establish age requirements as part of the house rules, but he wondered if the City Council should instead consider that as part of an ordinance overhaul of short-term rental rules.

There are age requirements by Airbnb, a marketplace for short and long-term stays and Vrbo, a vacation rental company. Airbnb requires that rental guests be at least 18 years old and Vrbo generally has an 18-year-old minimum although some properties may set higher age restrictions.

"Anything that is being utilized through those platforms, you have to be a certain

age to be able to do that," Jenner said.

"But how are these teenagers getting these houses rented?" asked Farris.

"A lot of times they do it through their parents, so they are going outside the rules of what should be done," said Jenner.

Deputy Mayor Tony Steinhart III said the committee that's working on updating the zoning ordinance has included "some short-term rental language as it relates to the registry. It's at least a step that we know we can do as a community to help understand where those are and follow-up."

Steinhart added that if complaints are lodged against short-term rental operations, that information will be given to the BZA for consideration when conditional use renewals on those properties are due. "I'm not sure we've had any this year that I'm aware of ... if you know of a situation, by all means" contact city officials and let them know.

Board chair Scott Baldwin said, "The board has almost universally insisted on submission and adherence to rules, and the part that's really relevant is quite hours between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., and no parties. We have dozens and dozens of Airbnbs, and in my experience, we've had one complaint. So, whatever is going on is working."

The discussion occurred following an

application by Oystercatcher LLC to continue allowing 308 West Second Street to be utilized as a short-term rental. Richard and Sandra Freeman, the current owners, received a conditional use permit for the property to be used as a short-term rental in October of 2016 that has carried over the last nine years.

Now, Carrie Parris, through Oystercatcher LLC, will be purchasing the property, and will continue to operate it as a short-term rental. Parris also owns 312 Poplar Street which has operated as a short-term rental for the last three years. The conditional use permit was unanimously approved by the five-member board.

The board also approved an application from Joe Craig for a variance for property he owns at 1145 West Second Street to allow construction up to the property line on the north side of the property along Second Street — a zero foot setback for construction of a porch. "It's an improvement to the neighborhood," said board member Karl Eaglin.

Additionally, the board approved an application from Victoria Howard for property she owns at 510 West Main Street to allow a variance for a two-foot setback on the north property line, and zero feet on the east and west property lines to build a one-story two-vehicle garage on an existing concrete pad.

PLAN

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the majority of them."

Sunrise Golf Course needs a "major investment" in an irrigation system that dates back more than 50 years, Courtney said.

Superintendent of Grounds Christian Hanson said there are "leaks everywhere" in the irrigation system that are difficult to know where they are located, resulting in high water usage.

"We put a band-aid on it every single year," said Courtney. "Our operational costs for golf course keep going up and up because of aged infrastructure."

Courtney said Rucker Sports Complex also needs attention along with tennis courts and other open

spaces for new parks "to deal with changing demographics in a growing community."

"We have tremendous park assets that are phenomenal that add to our quality of life but they require significant investment. We're not going to let the community down. We have plans for those, and we're going ask for everybody's support because it's so critical for the community," said Courtney, who commended the efforts of the parks department staff. "They are figuring out how do we do those things all at the same time."

In other business:

- Board member Jake Shockley, who is also on the golf board, said rates for Sunrise Golf Course will increase by 5% for most everything with a few exceptions. "We are trying

to get as close as possible to breaking even without losing any play," said Shockley. "The numbers we came to were taking into consideration of where we can get to to help pay the bills, and keep the lights on."

Sunrise Golf Pro Roger Gallatin expects the course will fall approximately \$75,000 short of its goal of \$600,000 revenue for 2025, and may have been even closer if a \$39,000 payment for old golf carts that were sold was credited to this year instead going towards helping pay off last year's parks department debt.

- Parks Operations Director Tanya Burnette said Crystal Beach Aquatic Park had a \$39,227.85 deficit for the year, which was made up with campground profits and by adjusting fund categories. Daily admission will

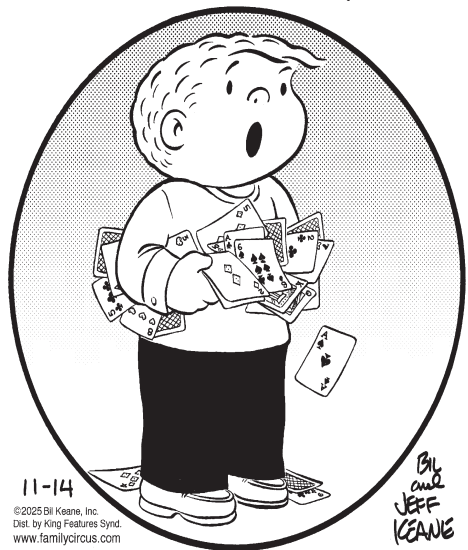
remain \$7 for 2026, but costs will be raised for season passes and the discount card.

- Burnette said Riverview Campground, which is now closed for the season, had a profit of \$88,340.88 for the year. There were 2,162 people who camped there this year including 148 children. Additionally, there were 441 pets. Occupancy was 22%.

- Courtney said the city is still waiting to find out about funding from FEMA for recovery from last spring's flooding. "We still have lingering long-term repairs we have to make," he said, noting Hargan-Matthews Park was significantly impacted. "It still has hundreds of thousands of damage on it, but we were still able to make interim repairs to get the park reopened."

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“Will somebody deck up the cards so I can serve ‘em?”

DENNIS THE MENACE



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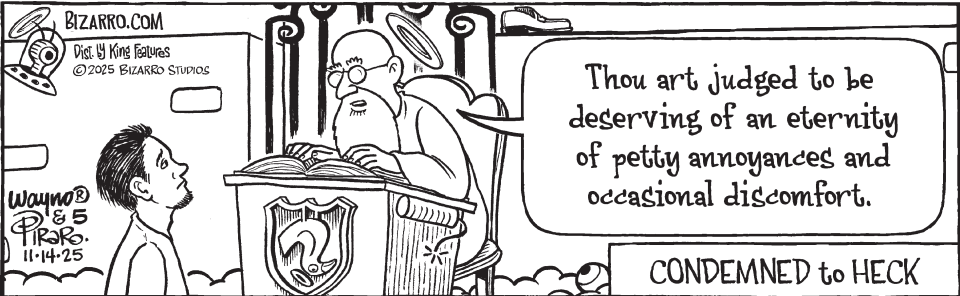
“PERFECT TIMING, DAD...POWER WENT OUT JUST BEFORE MOM COULD GET THE BROCCOLI ON.”

ARCTIC CIRCLE



HOW'S IT GOING?
GREAT!
BUT YOU'VE ONLY CAUGHT LITTLE PLASTIC SOY SAUCE CONTAINERS...

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P. 5
PRO.
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Thou art judged to be deserving of an eternity of petty annoyances and occasional discomfort.

CONDEMNED to HECK

BEETLE BAILEY



I FEEL GOOD, DOC, EXCEPT I GET THESE HEADACHES

WE CAN DO A QUICK SCAN TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON

IT APPEARS THAT YOUR HEADACHES ARE WORK-RELATED

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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



TELEHEALTH

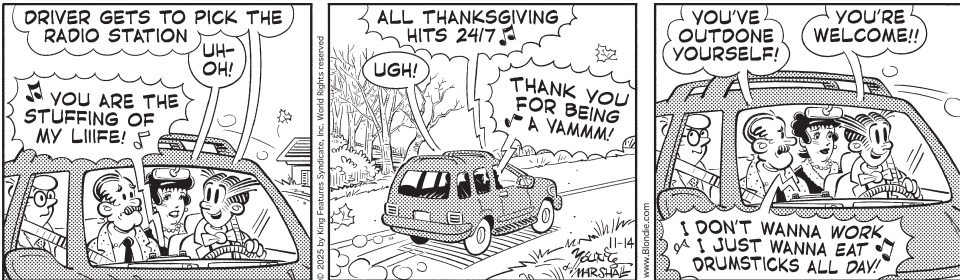
There are 3 people in waiting room. Allow small talk? YES NO

THE DOCTOR WILL SEE YOU SHORTLY. CLICK TO OPEN:

- BACK ISSUE OF MAGAZINE
- BROCHURE
- LAST TUESDAY'S PAPER

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Piccola
HILARIOUS PAIR

BLONDIE



DRIVER GETS TO PICK THE RADIO STATION

UH-OH!

YOU ARE THE STUFFING OF MY LIFE!

ALL THANKSGIVING HITS 24/7

UGH!

THANK YOU FOR BEING A YAMMIN!

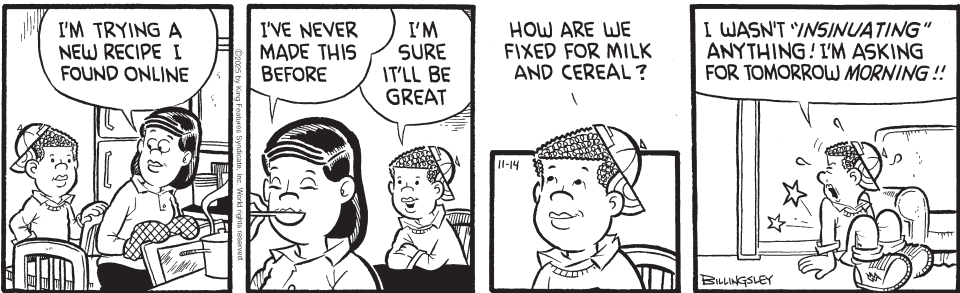
YOU'VE OUTDONE YOURSELF!

YOU'RE WELCOME!!

I DON'T WANNA WORK, I JUST WANNA EAT DRUMSTICKS ALL DAY!

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CURTIS



I'M TRYING A NEW RECIPE I FOUND ONLINE

I'VE NEVER MADE THIS BEFORE

I'M SURE IT'LL BE GREAT

HOW ARE WE FIXED FOR MILK AND CEREAL?

I WASN'T "INSINUATING" ANYTHING! I'M ASKING FOR TOMORROW MORNING!!

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HI & LOIS



LAUREN IS COMING OVER TO STUDY WITH ME.

I PREFER YOU DO IT IN THE DEN.

I CLEANED UP MY ROOM FOR NOTHING?

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PARDON MY PLANET



WHERE IT ALL WENT WRONG...

OK, SO WE ALL AGREE THAT THE WOMEN SHOULD NAVIGATE THE HUNT. THEN I GUESS THAT LEAVES THE MEN TO BE IN CHARGE OF ALL THE WEAPONS.

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ZITS



A LARGE COFFEE, PLEASE.

DO YOU NEED ROOM?

I HAVE A TEENAGE SON WHO PLAYS IN A BAND, A GARAGE FULL OF AMPLIFIERS AND A WIFE WITH A FURNITURE HABIT.

YES, I COULD USE SOME ROOM.

I MEANT FOR CREAM.

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DUMPLINGS



WELL, YOU SEEM TO BE IN A BETTER MOOD.

YEP! I DECIDED LIFE'S TOO SHORT TO BE ANYTHING BUT HAPPY!

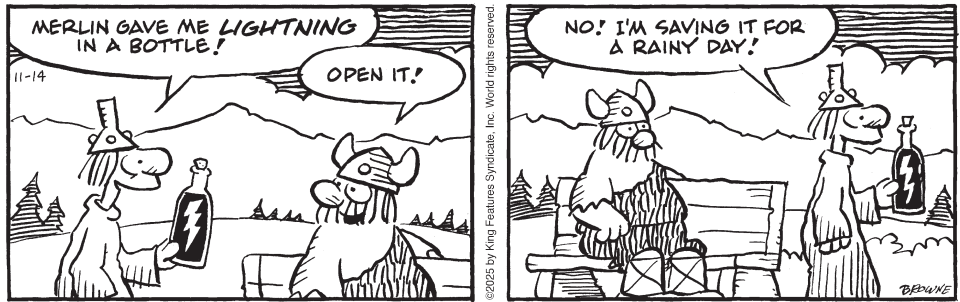
YEAH, ESPECIALLY FOR YOU GUYS...

US CATS HAVE NINE LIVES...

SO IT'S OKAY IF WE'RE FUSSY AND ALOOF.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



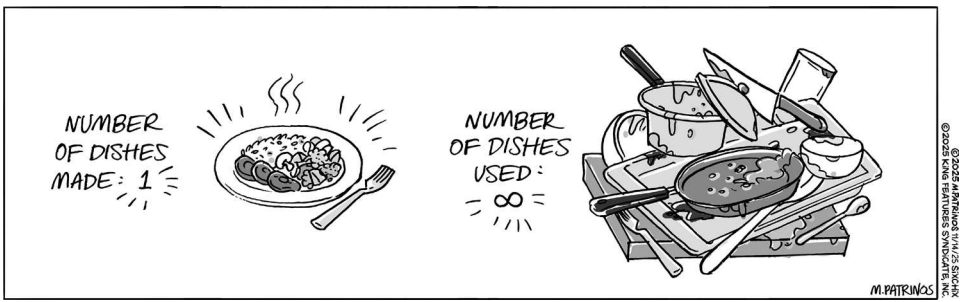
MERLIN GAVE ME LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE!

OPEN IT!

NO! I'M SAVING IT FOR A RAINY DAY!

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SIX CHIX

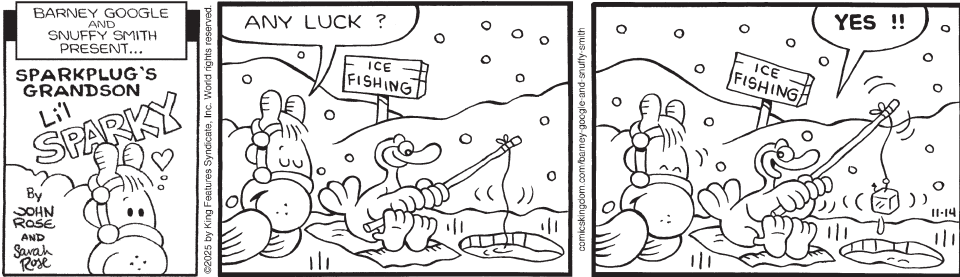


NUMBER OF DISHES MADE: 1

NUMBER OF DISHES USED: ∞

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH PRESENT... SPARKPLUG'S GRANDSON LITTLE SPARKY

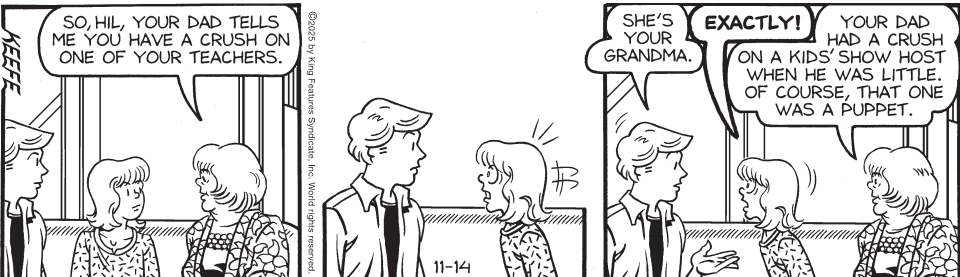
ANY LUCK?

ICE FISHING

YES !!

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SALLY FORTH



SO, HIL, YOUR DAD TELLS ME YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON ONE OF YOUR TEACHERS.

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SHE'S YOUR GRANDMA.

EXACTLY!

YOUR DAD HAD A CRUSH ON A KIDS' SHOW HOST WHEN HE WAS LITTLE. OF COURSE, THAT ONE WAS A PUPPET.

DUSTIN



SHE SEEMS NICE.

IT CAN'T HURT TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

HI, I'M FITCH.

GOOD FOR YOU, LOSER. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I WANT TO GO TELL MY FRIEND HE WAS WRONG.

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MUTTS



I'M SORRY, FRANK - I CAN'T DO ANYTHING! I HAVE A CAT ON MY LAP!

OH MY- STOP THE WORLD! A CAT IS NAPPING!!!

RIGHT ON!

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"Aren't they goin' to have Thanksgiving this year, Mommy?"

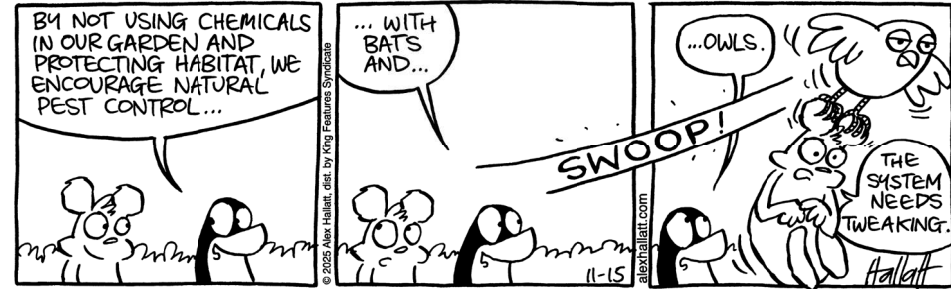
DENNIS THE MENACE



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"MOM SAYS DAD USED TO BE COOL, BUT SHE'S PROBABLY JUST BEIN' NICE."

ARCTIC CIRCLE



BY NOT USING CHEMICALS IN OUR GARDEN AND PROTECTING HABITAT, WE ENCOURAGE NATURAL PEST CONTROL...

... WITH BATS AND...

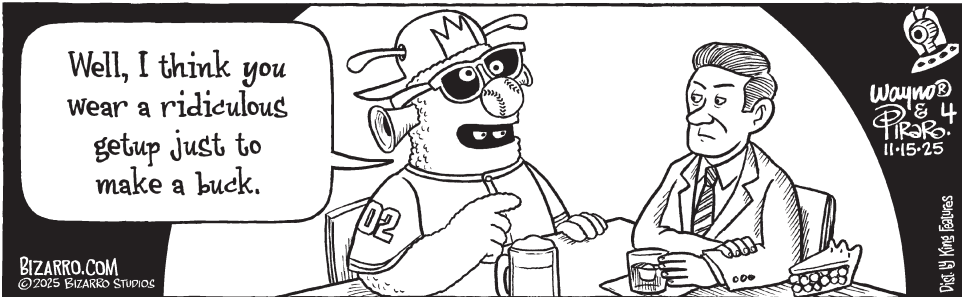
SWOOP!

...OWLS.

THE SYSTEM NEEDS TWEAKING.

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Well, I think you wear a ridiculous getup just to make a buck.

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BEETLE BAILEY



DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH EDIBLE STUFF YOU CAN FORAGE IN THESE WOODS?

NOBODY IS HUNGRY TONIGHT?

GREG MORT WALKER
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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



THE CHEM CRYGENICS LAB

The Solution's the Solution.

NO NEED TO FREEZE THEM SINCE WE DISCOVERED FOREVER CHEMICALS.

Piccolo
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BLONDIE



A MOE'S MEAT APP?

YEP! IT'S NEW! SEE? JUST DOWNLOAD IT ON YOUR PHONE!

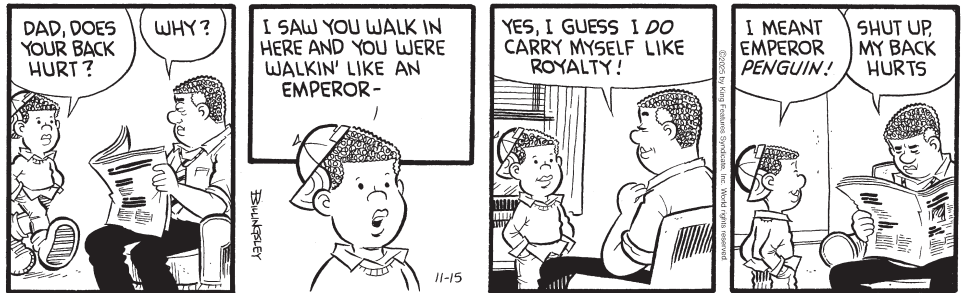
I PROMISE TO GIVE PERSONAL TURKEY UPDATES DAILY

HMMM... DAILY?

OR IN HIS CASE... HOURLY

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CURTIS



DAD, DOES YOUR BACK HURT?

WHY?

I SAW YOU WALK IN HERE AND YOU WERE WALKIN' LIKE AN EMPEROR -

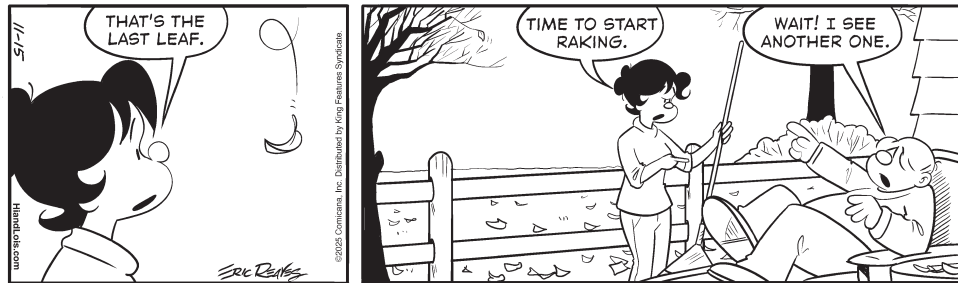
YES, I GUESS I DO CARRY MYSELF LIKE ROYALTY!

I MEANT EMPEROR PENGUIN!

SHUT UP, MY BACK HURTS

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HI & LOIS



THAT'S THE LAST LEAF.

TIME TO START RAKING.

WAIT! I SEE ANOTHER ONE.

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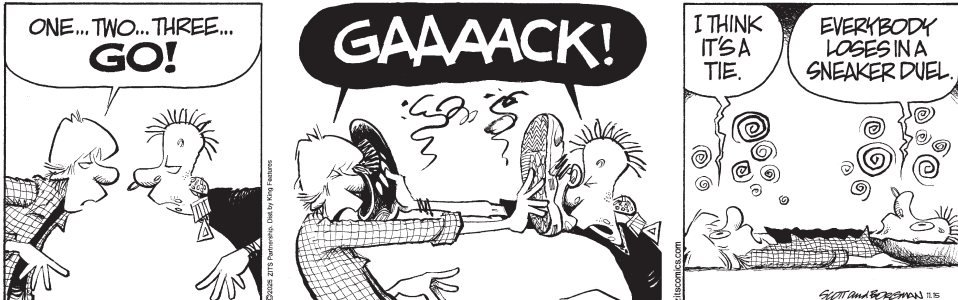
PARDON MY PLANET



OH, JUST ONE LAST LITTLE DETAIL - WE CAN ONLY GIVE YOU EITHER LIBERTY OR DEATH IF WE CAN WRITE IT OFF AS A DONATION. OF COURSE, YOU CAN REDUCT THE ROPE AS A COST OF DOING BUSINESS.

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ZITS



ONE... TWO... THREE... GO!

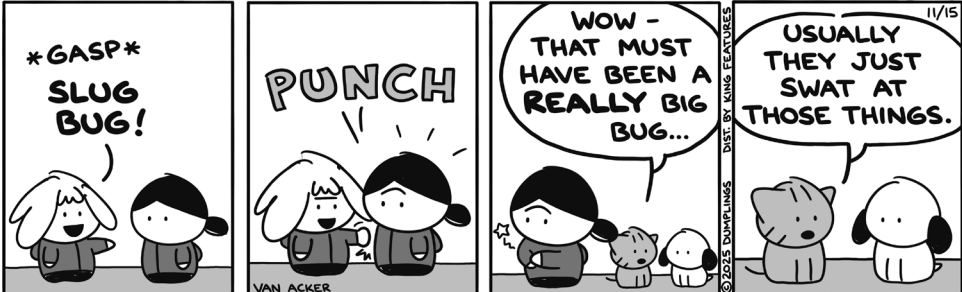
GAAAACK!

I THINK IT'S A TIE.

EVERYBODY LOSES IN A SNEAKER DUEL.

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DUMPLINGS



GASP SLUG BUG!

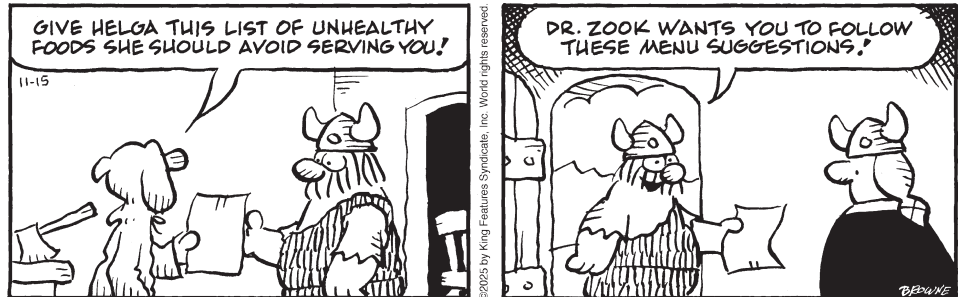
PUNCH

WOW - THAT MUST HAVE BEEN A REALLY BIG BUG...

USUALLY THEY JUST SWAT AT THOSE THINGS.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



GIVE HELGA THIS LIST OF UNHEALTHY FOODS SHE SHOULD AVOID SERVING YOU!

DR. ZOOK WANTS YOU TO FOLLOW THESE MENU SUGGESTIONS.

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SIX CHIX



My mom and grandma have started baking for the holidays!

They tried to get me involved, but I have a great excuse!

I told them someone has to be the impartial taste tester!

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH PRESENT... SPARKPLUG'S GRANDSON L'il SPARKY

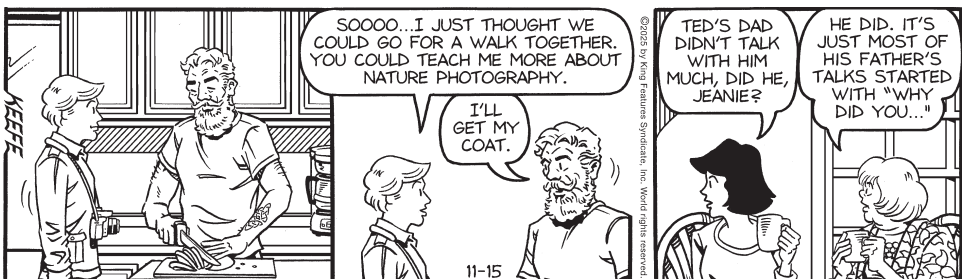
IT'S ALMOST WINTER !! I CAN ONLY LAY EGGS IN THE WINTER !!

REALLY?

YEAH... I'M NO SPRING CHICKEN !!

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SALLY FORTH



SOOOO... I JUST THOUGHT WE COULD GO FOR A WALK TOGETHER. YOU COULD TEACH ME MORE ABOUT NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY.

I'LL GET MY COAT.

TED'S DAD DIDN'T TALK WITH HIM MUCH, DID HE, JEANIE?

HE DID. IT'S JUST MOST OF HIS FATHER'S TALKS STARTED WITH "WHY DID YOU..."

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DUSTIN



DUSTIN! I WON! TIE GAME! BOTTOM OF THE NINTH, BASES LOADED...

...IT WAS A TYPICAL HIGH-PROFILE FAILURE SCENARIO. BUT NOT TODAY!

YOU GOT A HIT?

I GOT HIT BY A PITCH.

CONGRATULATIONS.

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MUTTS



AUGH! HOW I HATE MONDAY!

BUT, SOURPUSS - TODAY IS SATURDAY!!!

I'M TRYING TO GET AHEAD OF MY DEADLINE.

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Handout

Shawe Memorial High School's Spell Bowl team will be competing in the state finals Saturday. Pictured at the regional competition in Austin are (from left) Gabby Ortiz, Caitlyn McRoberts, Lucy Wilhelm, Isa Lopez, Gabby Cabrales, Ava Sutton, Samara Duquette, Maggie Stanley, JonPierre Duquette, Aiden McMahan, Paolo San Pedro, Charlie McRoberts, Alicia Miranda and Robbi Alderman.

Shawe Spell Bowl team competing in state finals on Saturday

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Shawe Memorial High School's defending state championship Spell Bowl team will participate in the state finals of the Senior competition of the Indiana Academic Spell Bowl on Saturday.

Shawe competed earlier this month in the Senior Area competition at Austin High School, finishing first among all of the schools.

Shawe's score of 51 was the highest score in Class 4, qualifying the team to compete in the state finals at Purdue University.

Shawe's Lucy Wilhelm earned a near-perfect perfect distinction. Others on the Shawe team include Gabby Ortiz, Caitlyn McRoberts, Isa Lopez, Gabby Cabrales, Ava Sutton, Samara Duquette, Maggie Stanley, JonPierre Duquette, Aiden McMahan, Paolo San

Pedro, Charlie McRoberts, Alicia Miranda and Robbi Alderman. The team is coached by Angie Martin.

This will be sixth time Shawe has been a state finalist in the Senior competition — the others being 2010 with Erin Poyner as coach, 2014, 2015 and 2016 with Christine Stormer coaching and 2024 with Martin as coach and winning the Class 4 state championship.



Handout

Shawe's Lucy Wilhelm earned a near-perfect spelling distinction at the recent Area Spell Bowl contest at Austin High School.

St. Cecila Art Festival at Christ Episcopal Nov. 21

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The St. Cecilia Arts Festival showcase of local artists and musicians will be Friday, Nov. 21 at Christ Episcopal Church, 506 Mulberry Street, Madison, starting at 7 p.m.

Since 2014, Christ Church has invited the public to its

St. Cecilia Festival, a program celebrating Cecilia, the patron saint of music and the arts. Each year instrumental and vocal music, poetry and artwork is featured around a central theme. This year's theme is "Destiny," featuring original works of art by local artists, David and

Martha Harden, exploring new talents, creating beauty and taking risks.

The program includes a variety of musical selections from Yvonne Davis, Jonathan Stanley, Dan Dattillo, Adam Faulkner, Margo Henderson and Jazz for Jesus. Several of Christ Church's SUCCESS Arts Scholarship Program

scholars will perform as well.

Following the 75-minute program in the historic 1850 church, everyone is invited to a reception and the art show in the great hall at the end of the garden. The program is free but donations will benefit SUCCESS. The artwork by the Hardens is for sale.

JCAP

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to have a healthy and productive quality of life. Each graduate today earned their certificate and have proven they have the tools for a successful future."

Goode gave credit to Courtney for his active pursuit of the program since becoming Mayor of Madison in 2019, and the efforts put forth by the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC). "JRAC met 'I don't know how many times'" in trying to get the program going in the jail to help inmates with their addiction to drugs. "Nobody was quitting in getting this program started."

The program got a big boost with a \$750,000 grant from the Bethany Legacy Foundation for a 3-year pilot program with disbursements of \$250,000 each year, that also has a co-investment from the city and county.

The program officially began Aug. 11, which County Sheriff Ben Flint said after the "long road" to get the program started, he is now thrilled to see it "come to reality and see the success of the three graduates today. This program had an impact not only on themselves but their families in hope this program will help recidivism going forward in the future. A huge shoutout to all the community leaders that had a role in getting this program off the ground — the prosecutors office, Judge Goode, Judge (D.J.) Mote and Court services. Being Sheriff during

Micah and Brandi Adkins were also involved in the program through their God's Not Done program. Pam Crozier, a member of County Council, has also been facilitating the program with a financial wellness program through First Financial Bank.

this time has been a proud moment to be able to be a part of this, and help see it across the finish line."

County Prosecutor David Sutter challenged the three graduates. "Today is a culmination, the end of the efforts you put while you have been incarcerated. I would challenge you to view this as the beginning. You are going to have have significant challenges as you face readjusting to your life once you are out of jail. All of you have been through the process of being in the jail and being released, and you have had stumbles. You now have the tools" to avoid those stumbles, along with programming to continue to help and people in Court Services to reach out for help.

"There is a little bit additional pressure on you, unfortunately. You are first ones to go through it, and you're going to be held to a high standard, and all those people in this room that want this program to succeed are going to be depending on you to set the example for future folks," Sutter added, asking the men to prove they "can be productive members of society ... We are challenging you to continue to work this program, to continue to apply yourself because we all want you to be successful."

Ani Morley, executive director of Court Services,

told them, "We are here to help you. Honesty is going to get you a lot farther. If you do see you're struggling, reach out to your people. We are here to help."

Each of the graduates were given a chance to make comments.

Cyrus said, "I want to thank each and every one of you for this opportunity. I'm not going to let you down."

Black said, "I just want to thank everybody because my life was unraveling quick. I was only out of prison for 60 days. My addiction got the best of me. Now, that I've been in this program and I've been taught some things."

Wells said, "Glory to God. What a blessing it is to be here today. An addiction is real. It's like Satan. It's out to steal, kill and destroy. I'm here to tell you, there is hope. Anybody in this courtroom, anybody listening, there is hope. God has done for me what I can't do for myself with this program. I know to communicate better with people. I know how to push away my emotions that lead me to relent. ... Now, today I know I have to stay active in this recovery the rest of my life."

Micah and Brandi Adkins were also involved in the program through their God's Not Done program. Pam Crozier, a member of County Council, has also been

facilitating the program with a financial wellness program

through First Financial Bank. "These three men have been very engaging and it's very encouraging to me as an educator of the path they have going forward. It's been a pleasure to work with them over the last several months," she said.

Courtney said, "The JCAP program is a community-wide

collaboration between multiple stakeholders including Sheriff Ben Flint and JRAC (Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council)." He also praised JCAP Director Jessica McCollum for her efforts in launching the program. "This program will benefit our community in so many ways for years to come."



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Sports

Crouch earns Boys XC Runner of the Year after injury comeback

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

There was a time when Sam Crouch wasn't sure if he would have a chance to compete again. A stress fracture in his lower leg kept the Madison Consolidated High School sophomore runner off the cross country course and forced him into his most dreaded of places: The pool.

But with the support of teammates — and his faith — Crouch was able to return to action this fall and lead the Madison Cubs to their second-straight sectional championship.

"I didn't have very many expectations. Because I'd been injured earlier in the season, I didn't really think it would go very well," Crouch said. "So I was, you know, quite surprised with how I did."

Despite missing much of the first half of the season, Crouch closed out the year on a tear, nearly winning a sectional title and leading the field at the regional to earn Madison Courier Boys Cross

Country Runner of the Year honors. Crouch was hopeful of a strong season and couldn't wait to get started when the stress fracture halted his plans. The humble and intelligent Crouch admits that the injury shook him.

"I couldn't run for a long time. I had to swim quite some time to stay in shape. And I'm not very good at swimming, so it wasn't the most enjoyable thing in the world," Crouch said with a smile. "But it definitely helped keep me in shape. It was a good, humbling experience."

Throughout the weeks of treatment, Crouch was buoyed by the support of his teammates, who were quick to cheer him on. He also leaned on his faith when he felt his resolve wavering.

"Philippians 4:6-7. I really think this kind of embodies my whole experience," Crouch said. "This year, there are a lot of prayers and questions and angry prayers you know, but everything turned out really great in the end, even though it didn't feel that way while

I was going through it. So I'm just very happy. I like to reflect and see that despite what it seemed like at the time, all my prayers have been answered."

When Crouch finally got a chance to get back on the course, he looked like he had never missed a beat. He quickly jumped to the head of a talented pack of Madison runners and along with last year's Madison Courier Runner of the Year, Will Laufer, and Eli Storm, formed a tight-knit Madison lead pack that overwhelmed the competition.

"The injury made both of us reflect on this. It was a frustrating time, and I'm thankful that he listened and was coachable during this time," Madison coach Kris Sandlin said. "He stuck to the plan and was able to come back. I had time goals in my head for home and I thought if he could hit those, that would be pretty good coming out of the pool. And he completely surpassed those. He put in a lot



Nina Campbell

Madison Consolidated High School sophomore Sam Crouch is the Madison Courier Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year for 2025.

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No. 12 Louisville pins first loss on No. 9 Kentucky

BY COLE PARK
THE CATS' PAUSE

LOUISVILLE, KY — No. 9 Kentucky men's basketball suffered its first defeat of the 2025-26 season inside the KFC Yum! Center against No. 12 Louisville on Tuesday 96-88.

The Cardinals, in front of a rowdy home crowd, shot the lights out for most of the contest, nailing 13 3-pointers in the victory. Mikel Brown Jr. and Ryan Conwell were electric for the home Louisville team, scoring 29 and 24 points respectively.

"Mikel Brown is a really special talent," Kentucky Head Coach Mark Pope said. "He's got a really terrific change of speed, first step, so it was really difficult for us to keep him in front of us. He finished the ball well at the rim tonight."

For Kentucky, it was a disappointing loss that could almost certainly be traced back to a dreadful first half scoring drought that went on for over four minutes. That drought allowed for an 11-0 Louisville run.

It didn't end there as far as the woes were concerned though as the Cardinals remained hot and led by as many as 18 points in the first half. Kentucky would claw back with 13 first half points from Denzel Aberdeen, but a layup by Brown Jr. made it a seven-point deficit at halftime for the Wildcats.

With Louisville staying motivated early in the second half, the lead would climb up to 20 less than halfway through the second half. Once again, a late Kentucky push would occur with Louisville having a scoring drought of its own, but, once again, it wouldn't be enough. Regardless, from the moment the 11-0 Cardinal



Darrell Bird/The Cats' Pause

Kentucky coach Mark Pope grimaces as point guard Jaland Lowe slips to the floor during the Cats' 96-88 loss to rival Louisville Tuesday at the KFC Yum! Center.

run took place, Kentucky spent the rest of the game trying to dig itself out of a hole that it could never quite escape.

"We have a competitive group," Pope said after the game. "We played extremely poorly, credit to Louisville for that, but we do have a

competitive group." Aberdeen led the Wildcats with 26 points on the night

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David Campbell

Shawe's Audrey Barron scored 37 points in the Hilltoppers' win over conference rival Jac-Cen-Del on Tuesday to become the seventh player in school history to reach 1,000 career points.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP: Barron nets 1,000 as Shawe cruises

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Audrey Barron torched Jac-Cen-Del for 37 points and pushed herself into the Shawe 1,000-point club in the Hilltoppers' 64-37 rout of the Eagles Tuesday in Osgood.

Barron needed 36 points to reach the milestone and accomplished that with ease, scoring her total in the first three quarters. The senior star then spents the rest of the game dishing to her teammates.

Barron, who missed her entire sophomore year with a knee injury, now has 1,001 career points and sits seventh on the school's career scoring list. She is exactly 300 points back of Shawe record holder Claire Higgins, who scored 1,301 points in a career that ended in 2017.

The rest of Shawe's 1,000-point club includes: Kate Grote, 1,244; Allison Knoebel, 1,244; Ebony Inskeep, 1,232; Maria Berry, 1,132; and Stephanie Barnes, 1,019.

In addition to Barron's big night, freshman Brylee Liter scored a career-high

11 points, senior Hunter Mote had eight points and junior Jamison Williams scored six points.

Shawe, now 2-0 overall and 1-0 Ohio River Valley Conference, hosted Class A No. 8 Oldenburg Academy on Thursday and hosts South Central on Tuesday.

MADISON WINS IN OT

Madison improved to 2-0 on the season with a 46-37 overtime win at Lawrenceburg on Tuesday.

The Lady Cubs got off to a rough start and trailed 13-4 after the first quarter before rallying to close the gap to 19-17 by the half. The two teams then battled nearly even in the second half before Madison shut down the Tigers in the overtime to secure the win.

Senior Juliana Davis scored 22 points to lead Madison, hitting three 3-pointers and going 7-for-10 from the free-throw line. Davis, who also had six rebounds and five steals, now has 1,188 points in her career to move past Olivia Crozier into seventh place

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday, Nov. 14

BASKETBALL

Hanover women at Asbury, 6 p.m.
Madison girls host Switzerland Co., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 15

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. boys at Ludlow (scrimmage), noon
Switzerland Co. girls host Henryville, 7:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Hanover, NCAA Great Lakes Regional at Louisville, 9 a.m.

FOOTBALL

Hanover hosts Franklin, 1:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Hanover at Earlham, HCAC Tournament, 2 p.m.

SWIMMING

Southwestern at New Albany, 11 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 16

VOLLEYBALL

Hanover/Earlham vs. Mount St. Joseph/Transylvania, HCAC Tournament Championship at Earlham, 1 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 17

No local events

Tuesday, Nov. 18

BASKETBALL

Shawe girls host South Central, 6 p.m.

Hanover men at Asbury, 7 p.m.

Madison girls at South Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern girls host Clarksville, 7:30 p.m.

Switzerland Co. girls host North Decatur, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison, Southwestern girls at New Albany, 6:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Madison girls host Seymour, 6:30 p.m.

Second half dooms Rebels in 64-37 loss to Pirates

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Southwestern battled Class 3A No. 11 Charlestown close for two quarters, but a second-half fade proved fatal in a 64-37 setback at home on Tuesday — the Rebels' first loss of the season.

Southwestern's defense was on point and the Hilltoppers strung together an 8-0 run late in the second quarter to take a 23-18 lead, but Charlestown answered with a 7-0 run of its own to close the half on top 25-23 going into the break.

The mini-run at the end of the first half carried over for the Pirates, who opened the second half with 12-straight points and never looked back, turning the game into a rout.

The result ended up being disappointing for Southwestern coach Brian Crank, who had circled the game on the Rebels' calendar as an early-season test for his talented squad.

"You can't be hot and cold against a ranked team, or probably any good team, and expect success," Crank said. "We just didn't put the ball in for whatever reason. We were 8-for-20 from the foul line, we just wouldn't attack north and south, we went east and west. We wanted to play this game and we put this game on the schedule to hopefully learn from it and get better. And now we've got Brownstown, who I think is No. 6 in 2A, on the road. We'll see how we react."

Southwestern (2-1) stayed close to Charlestown throughout the first half, trailing only 12-11 after the first quarter. Sophomore Mikayla Nussbaum hit two 3-pointers in close succession and junior Sophie Ford bombed a three as the Rebels took their biggest lead of the night at 23-18.

Charlestown (1-0) answered with the mini run and then dominated the second half. The Pirates forced Southwestern out of their comfort zone and the Rebels responded with a poor shooting night from



Southwestern freshman Josie Hubbard (25) shoots over Charlestown's Kendra Higdon (35) during Tuesday's game in Hanover.



Southwestern's Mikayla Nussbaum fires a 3-pointer in the Rebels' loss to Class 3A No. 11 Charlestown at home on Tuesday.

everywhere on the floor. 42-11 in the second half as Southwestern was outscored Charlestown pulled away.

"We were up 23-18 and then they called timeout and then at halftime we're down 25-23. Three minutes left in the third quarter, we're still at 23," Crank said. "I've been saying that if we score 50, we win. Because I thought if we got to 50, we'll probably get to 60, because we're clicking. And it just didn't happen tonight. I saw some good things. I saw effort. I mean, effort's never a problem. There were some things that we will fix, things that three games in they're not going to do well yet. But we'll get back to work."

Mikayla Nussbaum led Southwestern with 11 points while twin sister Savannah Nussbaum added eight. Olivia Simpson scored five points and Josie Hubbard added four.

Chesney Jackson scored 24 points, Madalynn Warnock had 18 and Natalie Gagnon added 14 to lead Charlestown.

Southwestern traveled to Class 2A No. 5 Brownstown on Thursday and hosts Clarksville next Tuesday.

HANOVER ROUNDUP: Men's hoops roll past Spalding

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover jumped out to a 20-point lead in the first half and rolled to a 76-53 win at home over Spalding on Tuesday for the Panthers' first men's basketball win of the season.

Hanover led 46-26 going into the break and outscored Spalding by three in the second half for the win.

C.J. Walls came off the bench to score 14 points and lead Hanover. Former Madison Cub Jack Miller and Malachi McNair each scored 13 points and had four rebounds and Jeremiah Alexander had 12 points.

On Wednesday, Hanover played an exhibition game at NCAA Division I Bel-larmine, falling 94-55.

McNair posted a double-double of 12 points and 10 rebounds and Walls had 12 points.

Kenyon Goodin scored 19 points on perfect shooting — 7 for 7 from the field including 4 for 4 from 3-point range — to lead the Knights (1-2). Brian Waddell scored 17 points

and added five rebounds and Michael Wilson Jr. had 12 points.

Hanover, now 1-1 on the season, travels to Asbury next Tuesday.

VOLLEYBALL ADVANCES IN HCAC

Hanover volleyball picked up a four-set win over Manchester at home on Wednesday in the opening round of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament.

The Panthers won the first two sets 25-11 and 25-14 before dropping the third set, 25-22. Hanover then finished off the win with a 25-15 victory in the fourth set.

Elliot Mays had 10 kills for the Panthers, Megan Vogel had 21 assists, and Kelsey Waggoner and Madison Schicker each had 17 digs.

Hanover (19-10) travels to top-seeded Earlham (21-8) for the semifinals on Saturday at 2 p.m. Mount St. Joseph (12-14) and Transylvania (23-6) play the second semifinal at 5 p.m. and the championship will be on Sunday.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

— Shawe and Southwestern boys basketball competed in the junior high Ohio River Valley Conference early-season tournament at South Ripley on Saturday.

Southwestern's seventh-grade team won the tournament while Shawe's seventh grade lost 32-7 to Rising Sun with Jaylen Beatty leading the Hilltoppers with three points and Oscar Rangel Avalos and Walker Alderman chipping in two each.

The Shawe eighth grade beat Rising Sun 46-33 in the first game. Patrick Kahn

led Shawe with 18 points while Ayden Dempler scored 10.

Shawe defeated Milan 49-29 in the second game. Kahn had 22 points.

In the championship, Shawe lost 48-36 to South Ripley. Dempler had seven and Tanner Sims scored six.

On Monday, Shawe split two games at Milan.

The seventh grade lost 18-5. Avalos had three points for the Hilltoppers.

The eighth grade won 36-19. Kahn led all scorers with 16 points and Daeson Boggs scored nine.

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while Collin Chandler and Otega Owew also finished in double figures, logging 12 points each. Chandler would foul out in the final minute to stop the clock with the Wildcats desperate.

Despite some strong point totals from a few Cats, though, as a team Kentucky finished with a staggering 14 turnovers, leading to 19 Cardinal points. Louisville collected 11 steals in the contest.

Louisville was also able to total more assists than the Wildcats in the contest,

finishing with 20 to UK's 14.

"We were sticky with the ball tonight," Pope said. "(20-14) tells, really, the whole story of the game."

Trent Noah also remained out for Kentucky in the contest after suffering what appeared to be an ankle injury in the season opener against Nicholls. The Harlan native joined Jayden Quaintance as being the only scholarship players to not appear in the contest for UK.

Kentucky will return to action Friday to wrap up the BBN United Tipoff Classic against Eastern Illinois (TV: Live on SEC Network+ at 7 p.m.).

LOCAL LEAGUES

MADISON CHURCH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

MONDAY, NOV. 10 Hallelujah Division TOURNAMENT

Falls City No. 2 d. New Heart No. 2, 22-25, 25-22, 15-10.
New Heart No. 1 d. 24/7 Life No. 2, 25-18, 16-25, 15-4.
Falls City No. 1 d. First Baptist, 25-17, 25-15.
Falls City No. 3 d. Riverstone No.

2, 25-14, 25-9.

Wirt Baptist No. 2 d. Falls City No. 2, 19-25, 25-14, 15-10.
Mount Pleasant Baptist d. New Heart No. 1, 25-11, 25-7.

SEMIFINALS

Falls City No. 1 d. Wirt Baptist No. 2, 25-14, 25-15.
Falls City No. 3 d. Mount Pleasant Baptist, 25-16, 19-25, 15-13.

NON-WINNERS BRACKET

Riverstone No. 2 d. 24/7 Life No. 2, 22-25, 25-23, 15-7.
New Heart No. 2 d. New Heart No. 1, 22-25, 25-20, 15-10.
Riverstone No. 2 d. First Baptist, 25-23, 18-25, 15-10.
Falls City No. 2 d. New Heart No. 2, 25-15, 19-25, 22-20.



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Rates Per 1,000 of Metered Water (Monthly)	
Quantity of Water Used (Monthly)	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
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Next 2,000 Gallons	5.29
Next 3,000 Gallons	3.37
Next 8,000 Gallons	2.61
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1 1/2 Inch	11,600	59.12
2 Inch	20,000	78.30
3 Inch	46,000	131.81
4 Inch	82,000	205.91

The Town Council will conduct a public hearing on the matter of increasing these rates, and on adoption of this ordinance, at **4:30 p.m.** on **December 2nd, 2025**, at the Town Hall, 305 Walnut Street, Vevay Indiana 47043.

At such hearing and prior to final adoption of said ordinance, all interested parties may appear and be heard. A copy of the ordinance may be examined in the Office of the ClerkTreasurer, (812) 427-3131, address above.

Brandi Scudder, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Vevay, Indiana



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2 Inch	20,000	129.43
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Brandi Scudder, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Vevay, Indiana

No. 1 Houston jumps Purdue in AP poll despite fewer top votes

BY JOHN MARSHALL
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

The first regular-season AP Top 25 is typically an overhaul from the preseason poll as voters get a better sense how good teams might actually be.

This season certainly is no different.

Houston was No. 1 in the poll released Monday, swapping spots with Purdue by earning three more points overall. The Cougars received 18 first-place votes from a 61-

person media panel and Purdue had 36, with four other teams also getting at least one.

UConn, Duke, and Arizona round out the top five in a chaotic poll that saw only four teams hold their positions from the preseason poll, yet no one moved in or out of the poll.

Houston, which lost to Florida in last spring's national championship game, is No. 1 for the first time since a three-week stint in 2024.

The Boilermakers were ranked No. 1 in the preseason poll for the first time in

program history and opened the season with a pair of wins. Purdue had a hard time shaking Oakland in an 87-77 win Friday and some Top 25 voters dropped the Boilermakers out of the top five on their ballots.

"Yeah, I mean, we just beat Oakland by 10 points. Credit to them, they played a great game," Purdue guard Fletcher Loyer said. "But if we're

supposed to be the No. 1 team in the country, we've got to be better than that, and it starts at the defensive end."

Houston had no trouble in its first two games, blowing out Lehigh and Towson by an average of 18 points.

RISE AND FALLING
Arizona moved up eight places from No. 13 after an impressive win over reigning

champion and then-No. 3 Florida in Las Vegas. No. 8 Alabama moved up seven places following Saturday's 103-96 win over then-No. 5 St. John's at Madison Square Garden.

No. 18 North Carolina also climbed seven spots after beating then-No. 19 Kansas and No. 17 Michigan State gained five places with its 69-66 win over then-No. 14 Arkansas.

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on the school's career scoring list.

Mylee McQueary had 14 points and eight rebounds for the Cubs while Kenzie Smith had three points and 10 rebounds.

Madison hosts Switzerland County on Friday and heads to South Dearborn next Tuesday.

PACERS HAMMER DEARBORN

Switzerland County opened the 2025-26 season with a 74-28 rout of South Dearborn Tuesday in Aurora.

No statistics from the game were available.

Switzerland, now 1-0 on the season, travels to Madison on Friday and hosts Henryville on Saturday. The Pacers then host North Decatur next Tuesday.

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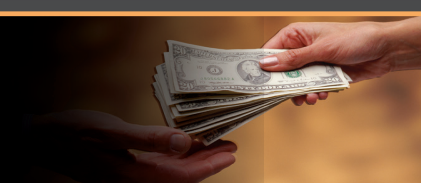
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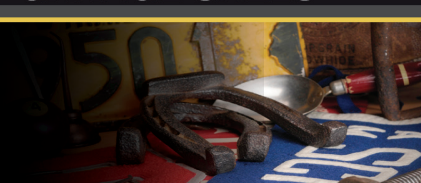
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Indiana offensive lineman Kahlil Benson (67) celebrates following an NCAA college football game against Penn State, Saturday, Nov. 8, in State College, Pa.

No. 2 Indiana moves on after emotional win at Penn State

BY MICHAEL MAROT
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Omar Cooper Jr.'s game-winning toe-tap touchdown at Penn State will forever be etched as one of the most iconic images in Indiana football history.

It was so acrobatic, so unexpected that even usually unflappable coach Curt Cignetti acknowledged he nearly teared up during his postgame interviews.

Now, though, after finally winning on the road against the most prominent college football program in Cignetti's home state, No. 2 Indiana faces a potentially more daunting challenge this week — turning the page so it can focus on struggling Wisconsin.

"I did get a little choked up there at the end just because I was so proud of our guys. Our backs were against the wall there, and boy, it wasn't looking very good," Cignetti said Monday. "You think about my journey, 10, 15 years ago, did I ever think I'd lead a team into that stadium? No. Lead a team into that stadium victorious? No. But it mainly centered around how our guys responded and the challenge they overcame to get it done."

The play has been replayed dozens of times since Cooper's touchdown in the final minute at Beaver Stadium gave Indiana a 27-24 victory, and the Football Writers Association of America dubbed the catch as its "crunch time" play of the week.

"To be able to catch the ball, look down and then get your feet in position, great job by (director of athletic performance) Derek Owings developing (Cooper's) corps to allow him to do that in the air and Coop working like he has the whole offseason, and in the fall," Cignetti said.

Previous Hoosiers coaches often thought their players were challenged by the effort to handle success.

But Cignetti helped change that perception last year when Indiana did the unthinkable by emerging as a national powerhouse.

The Hoosiers kept winning after capturing their Big Ten Conference opener for their first win at the Rose Bowl. They navigated a rare victory over Michigan to improve to 10-0. And with the program's first College Football Playoff berth at stake, they made a statement by handing Purdue its worst loss in school history, 66-0.

They also stumbled twice — losing at eventual national champion Ohio State to knock them out of the conference title chase and a season-ending playoff loss at eventual national runner-up Notre Dame.

But it was those two losses that provided extra motivation to surpass last season's feats.

"I think we're on a little bit of a mission here, and that's really been the focus," Cignetti said. "I think that's how the kids are thinking, too."

It has showed.

When then-No. 8 Illinois visited Memorial Stadium in September, the Hoosiers responded with a 63-10 rout. When it looked like they might go down at Iowa, quarterback Fernando Mendoza found Elijah Sarratt for a tiebreaking

touchdown in the waning minutes of the fourth quarter. And when most people wrote off their chances at then-No. 3 Oregon in September, especially after Mendoza threw a pick-6 to tie the game, Indiana answered by scoring the final 10 points to snap what had been the nation's longest active winning home and regular-season winning streaks.

Saturday trumped all three. "This, by far, is the best moment of my career, and to be able to share it with such amazing brothers, like at Cal, an amazing brotherhood there — I still have a lot of friends there — but to share it with what we've all been through, the Iowa game, the Oregon game to the Penn State game," quarterback Fernando Mendoza said after Saturday's win. "Those are all games you have circled, especially being on the road."

Aside from being the final regular-season home game, this weekend's game against the quarterback-depleted Badgers (3-6, 1-5) probably

has not been circled. Wisconsin won its first Big Ten game last weekend, when it upset then-No. 23 Washington at home.

On paper, it looks like a mismatch between the nation's highest scoring team (44.5 points per game) and the third lowest (12.6).

But Mendoza and his teammates don't have to be reminded about the high stakes they'll be facing — a chance to play in the Big Ten title game, a second straight playoff berth and maybe even a home game in the post-season. So if they're not ready to play the Badgers, last week's big play and big win will certainly lose some luster.

"I think we need to understand we're going to get everybody's best shot," Cignetti said. "We're not sneaking up on anyone anymore. We got Iowa's best shot at Iowa. We got Penn State's best shot at Penn State. Oregon was obviously a big game on the road, and we'll get Wisconsin's best shot. So we've got to have a good week of preparation."



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Guangzhou Loong-Lions guard Victor Oladipo, left, drives to the basket while Minnesota Timberwolves center Joan Beringer, right, defends during the first half of a preseason NBA basketball game Monday, Oct. 13, in Minneapolis.

Oladipo lands with Bucks' G League affiliate

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OSHKOSH, Wis. — Two-time All-Star guard Victor Oladipo, who hasn't played in the NBA since suffering a major injury in 2023, has joined the Milwaukee Bucks' NBA G League affiliate.

The Wisconsin Herd announced Sunday they had added the 33-year-old Oladipo to their roster. The Herd acquired Oladipo from the Santa Cruz Warriors after he had entered the NBA G League's player pool.

Oladipo tore his left patellar tendon while playing for the Miami Heat in a 2023 first-round playoff series with the Bucks. Oladipo hasn't been in the NBA since, though he

appeared in some NBA preseason games this year while playing for the Chinese Basketball Association's Guangzhou Loong-Lions.

Oladipo earned consecutive All-Star Game selections in 2018 and 2019 while playing for the Indiana Pacers. He has averaged 16.9 points, 4.5 rebounds and 3.9 assists

during an NBA career that included stints with the Orlando Magic (2013-16), Oklahoma City Thunder (2016-17), Pacers (2017-21), Houston Rockets (2021) and Heat (2021-23).

The Magic selected Oladipo out of Indiana with the second overall pick in the 2013 draft.

Broken Promises: Why Bonds Can Fail You When You Need Income the Most



Layin' it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
Wealth Management

The Bond Illusion: Why 'Safe' May Not Be Safe Enough in Retirement is a critical concept that challenges long-held assumptions about how to protect wealth in retirement. For decades, bonds have been seen as the go-to safe investment, especially for retirees looking to reduce risk and generate income. But the financial landscape has changed, and so too must our understanding of what "safe" truly means.

Bonds are often marketed as low-risk, conservative assets that provide stability and predictable income. While that may have been true in the past, today's low interest rate environment and

rising inflation pose real threats to bondholders. When interest rates rise, the market value of existing bonds falls—meaning retirees holding those bonds may be sitting on paper losses, even as their income remains fixed. In other words, your "safe" investment could actually be losing value right when you need it to be most reliable. Inflation adds another layer of risk. If a bond is paying 3% interest while inflation is running at 4% or more, you're actually losing purchasing power. Over time, this erodes your ability to maintain your lifestyle, cover health care costs, or respond to financial surprises. Bonds may protect your principal nominally, but they don't protect what your money can buy—and that's what really matters in retirement.

Then there's the income side. Many retirees depend on the predictable interest from bonds to cover living expenses. But in recent years, yields have dropped to the point where bonds no longer generate sufficient income without taking on more duration or credit risk. Chasing higher yields can push retirees into riskier territory—defeating the purpose of holding bonds in the first place. So, what's the alternative? This is where safe money

strategies such as fixed indexed annuities come into play. These financial tools offer protection of principal, tax-deferred growth, and in many cases, guaranteed lifetime income. Unlike bonds, they are not directly impacted by rising interest rates or market volatility. They offer the kind of dependable security many retirees believe bonds provide—but without the hidden risks.

The illusion is that bonds are always safe. The reality is that in today's economic environment, they may not be safe enough. True safety in retirement means protecting your income, your purchasing power, and your peace of mind. It's time to rethink what "safe" really means.

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Flacco faces uncertainty with Burrow back at practice

BY JAY MORRISON
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CINCINNATI — Joe Flacco might have more starts for the Cincinnati Bengals under his belt than he has ahead of him. And it has nothing to do with the quarterback's injured right shoulder.

The move Monday to open the 21-day window for Joe Burrow's return from a September turf-toe injury means Sunday in Pittsburgh could be one of the 40-year-old Flacco's last chances to play this season despite vaulting the Bengals to one of the most explosive teams in the NFL in his four starts.

"I'm honestly not really thinking about it," said Flacco,

who arrived in Cincinnati in a trade with the Cleveland Browns on Oct. 7.

"It's not really a part of my process. I really don't care," Flacco added. "It's this week, and that's all that matters. To think about that stuff would be a distraction. I'm just worried about doing my job. And this week's that's going out and playing against Pittsburgh."

Flacco suffered an AC joint injury to his throwing shoulder in his third start with the team, a 39-38 loss to the New York Jets on Oct. 26.

He barely practiced the following week and didn't participate in pregame warmups hours before facing the Bears, yet Flacco still

went out and threw for four touchdowns and 470 yards, the most in his 18-year career.

Sunday will mark his second start against the Steelers in four games after throwing for 342 yards and three touchdowns in a 33-31 victory in Week 7.

It also will be the 23rd start of Flacco's career against Pittsburgh, the most by any quarterback since Mike Tomlin became the Steelers' head coach in 2007.

Despite having a bye week to rest the shoulder after his career day against the Bears, Flacco didn't practice Wednesday. The plan is for him to take limited reps Thursday and start Sunday afternoon against the Steelers.

"It feels good," he said

of his shoulder. "It was definitely good to have to have a whole week and get some rest and feel like I was making progress with it, which I did. It was sore (after the game), but it wasn't to the point where it was creating an issue."

Everything about Flacco's time in Cincinnati has felt strange since the trade, from learning a new offense in the span of a few hours to following up his debut on a short week with a Thursday game to losing back-to-back games despite scoring 38 and 42 points.

And he can add not practicing despite planning to start to the list.

"I've never done it much besides the last two weeks,"

he said before outlining his goals on days such as Wednesday.

"Ultimately, get the feet moving a little bit so you're not just standing around all day. Listening to the calls and getting the walk-through reps so that the operation is as smooth as possible. I think that's an underrated thing. Getting those reps and going through it is important."

Flacco's arrival came as the result of Jake Browning's poor play in three starts after Burrow got hurt, and Browning admitted he was "pissed" about getting benched.

Flacco navigated that unique situation, only to be facing yet another one four weeks later.

Monday's move to clear Burrow to practice, along with his assertion that it would be "very" meaningful to make his return to action in Baltimore on Thanksgiving night, created a buzz in the building and across the city.

It also came with the realization for Flacco that he is about to lose his job.

But he said that hasn't created any sort of weird or awkward dynamic between the quarterbacks.

"Not at all. I have a job to do, and I'm focused on doing that job," Flacco said. "If that comes to an end at some point, I just want to feel good about the job that I'm doing when I'm asked to do that job."

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of lonely swimming hours and it paid off."

Crouch's best race was likely sectional where he stuck to the hip of heavily-favored frontrunner Gabe Riehle, a senior from Milan, the entire way and hit the finish line in nearly a dead heat as both recorded times of 16:22.2. Riehle got the photo finish win by less than six inches.

Crouch said his plan was to drift with Riehle and simply match his speed. The move nearly worked.

"I was so nervous about it. I was like, I'm gonna stick with the guy in the lead and he kind of pulled me along," Crouch said. "Anytime I would start to kind of freak out and panic during the race, I would just kind of look at him and see how relaxed he

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natural ability, work ethic, faith and intelligence, there is really no telling how far he can go.

"He's a kid that's self-driven. He will be as good as he wants to be. My only goal as a coach is not to screw it up," Sandlin said with a smile. "He comes prepared and for me, it's about

making sure he is relaxed and enjoying the experience. Knowing that it's just a sport at the end of the day and making sure you're having fun and learning life lessons along the way. Honestly, the sky's the limit. We'll just enjoy it and let him just be the best person that he can be."

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